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To: Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web; Mayes-WebEmail
Subject: Docket # WS-02676A-09-0257

Dear Mr. Newman, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Mayes, Ms Kennedy and Mr. Stump

REF: Liberty Water Docket # WS-02676A-09-0257

This is a letter to protest the 110% proposed rate hike by the Liberty Water who recently bought Rio Rico utility company that services all of Rio Rico.

The community is in such bad economic shape it cannot absorb another expense such as this, especially the many unemployed and underemployed, who make significantly lower wages than other counties. The un-employment here is among the highest in the state.

Water costs an average family \$40 to \$60 a month which is endurable, but if it goes to \$90 or \$140 a month, there goes the grocery money. And as for local businesses, any increased costs may be the straw that breaks the camels back and force them to lay off yet another employee, or worse close their doors completely.

Last years data shows that the unemployment in Santa Cruz is almost double that of Cochise and Pima counties, with Santa Cruz at 11.5 % and Pima and Cochise at 6.6 - 7% unemployed. I can't find current data, but we are hurting down here and are still loosing jobs.

We cannot endure this proposed rate hike by Liberty water. Please do not allow it.

Sincerely

Sherrie Nixon
Rio Rico Resident and Property owner

AZ Dept of Labor Data Notice the net job flows are negative, with 2,643 residents loosing their jobs.

QWI Quick Facts	Santa Cruz (Q1)	Santa Cruz (Avg:Selected + 3 Prior qtrs)	Arizona (Q1)	Arizona (Avg:Selected + 3 Prior qtrs)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Employment	12,872	12,821	2,419,427	2,484,781
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Net Job Flows	-863	-400	-62,206	-28,234
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job Creation	655	809	139,452	153,405
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Hires	1,311	1,844	304,773	410,923
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separations	2,643	2,706	454,298	539,490
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turnover	14.0%	11.3%	10.9%	11.4%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avg Monthly Earnings	\$2,652.00	\$2,830.25	\$3,565.00	\$3,644.75
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,785.00	\$1,960.00	\$2,174.00	\$2,391.00

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